

Quick Quote

Vendor User Guide

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GETTING STARTED

The Quick Quote application gives vendors an opportunity to respond electronically to informal solicitations by state and local buyers. Typically, the Quick Quote application is used for purchases where competitive bidding is required.

Access Quick Quote

Only eVA registered vendors can review Quick Quote requests online and enter responses.

The Quick Quote Vendor List

The Quick Quote vendor list is automatically created for the buyer from registered vendors based on a match between the Commodity Code and Service Area on the request with vendors who have the same values on their registration account.

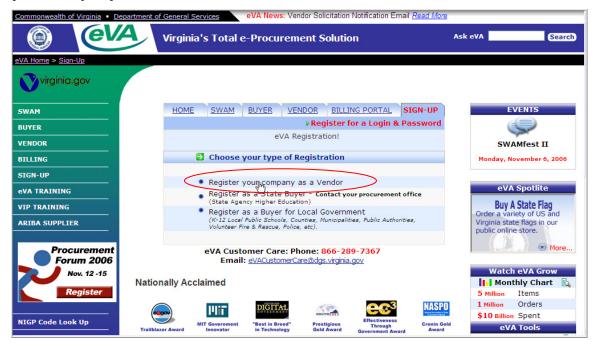
If you are registered at the *Premium* service level, you will receive notification for all requests that match your commodity codes and service areas. If you are registered at the *Basic* service level, you can be removed from the Quick Quote Vendor List at the buyer's discretion even if the request matches your commodity codes and service areas. Additionally, buyers can add ad hoc vendors to the list.

Vendors on the list are notified by email or fax of the request so they can respond to the Quick Quote request through their eVA account.

Vendors Not Registered in eVA

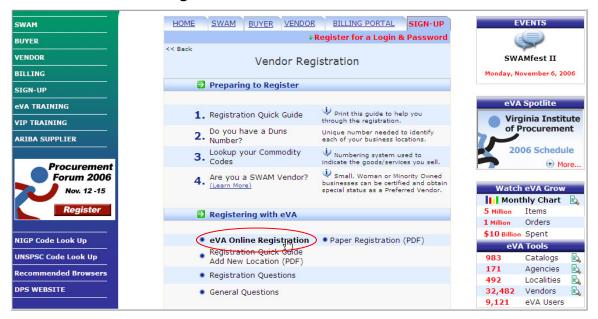
If you are not an eVA registered vendor but have received an invitation to respond to a Quick Quote request, you can register your business online and then access the request as a registered vendor.

To register, go to http://eva.virginia.gov and click the **SIGN-UP** tab. Click the **Register** your company as a **Vendor** link.

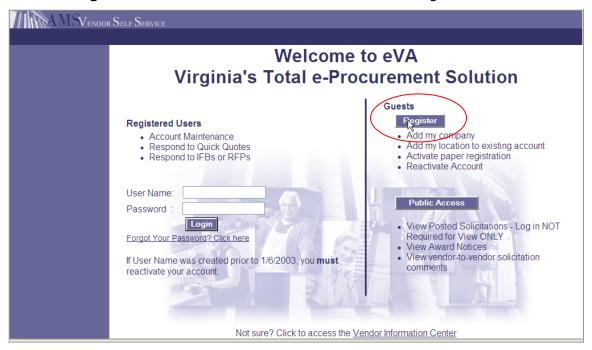




Click the eVA Online Registration link.

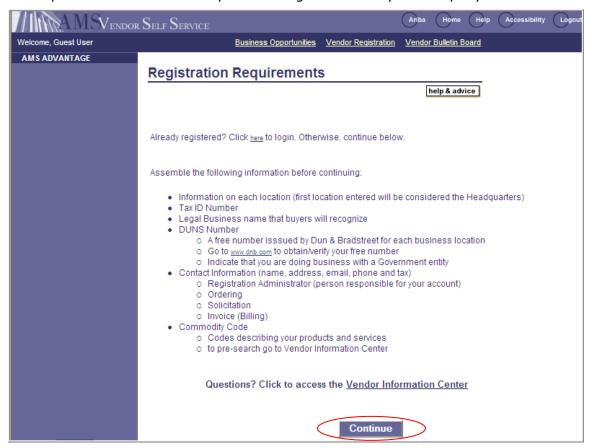


Click the **Register** button to enter the eVA Vendor Portal as a guest.





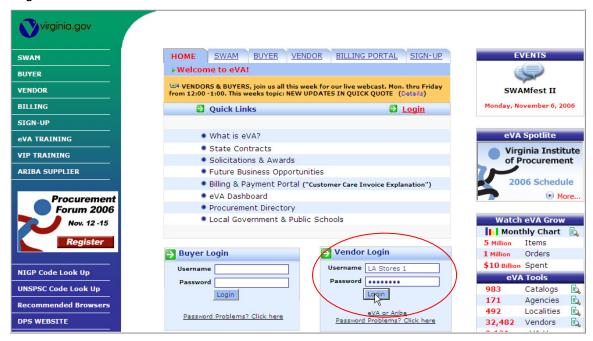
On the Registration Requirements page, click the **Continue** button and follow the subsequent instructions to complete the registration for your company.





eVA Registered Vendors

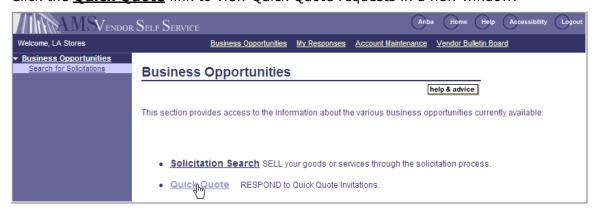
Log in as a registered vendor from the eVA website, http://eva.virginia.gov in the Vendor Login section.



Click **Business Opportunities (VBO)** from the Vendor Self Service homepage.



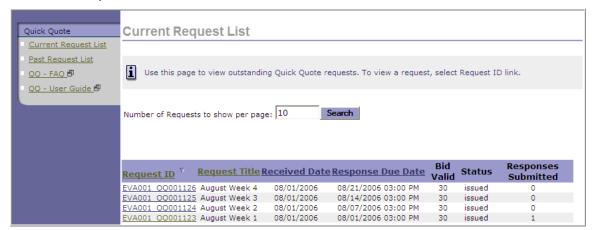
Click the **Quick Quote** link to view Quick Quote requests in a new window.





CURRENT REQUEST LIST

The Current Request List in Quick Quote shows you the requests to which you have been invited to respond.



There are two statuses for current requests:

Status	Definition
issued	A request has been submitted by a buyer and the response date has not passed. Vendors can respond to these requests. Vendor responses can be viewed by the buyer.
canceled	An issued request that has been canceled by the buyer

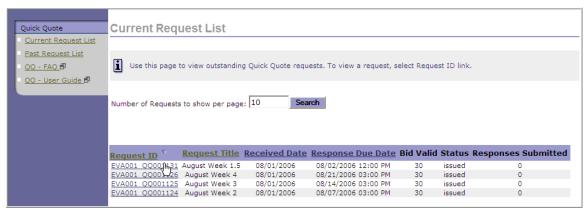
Each row shows a single request with these columns:

- Request ID (includes link to request details and your responses)
- Request Title
- Received Date
- Response Due Date (EST/EDT date & hour)
- Bid Valid (number of days)
- Status
- Responses Submitted (by all contacts from your company; initially 0)



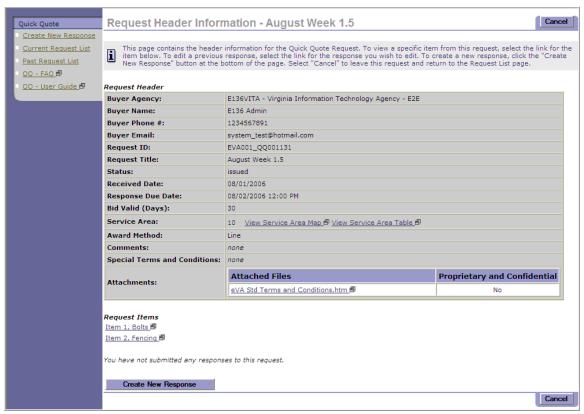
VIEW A SINGLE REQUEST

From the Current Request List, you can respond to any request in *issued* status. To create a response, click a request link in the Request ID column.



Request Header Information

After you click a Request ID link, the Request Header Information page displays.





The fields on this page include:

Field Description		
Buyer Agency	The code and description identifying the buyer's organization.	
Buyer Name	The name of the buyer generating the Quick Quote request.	
Buyer Phone #	The telephone number of the buyer generating the Quick Quote request.	
Buyer Email	The email address of the buyer generating the Quick Quote request.	
Request ID	The system-generated number for the request.	
Request Title	The custom title for the request entered by the buyer.	
Status	The current status of the request (issued/canceled/awarded).	
Received Date	The date the buyer submitted the request.	
Response Due Date	The request is open until this date and hour (EST/EDT). You can submit as many responses as you want until the hour of the Response Due Date passes. You can also edit or delete previously submitted responses.	
Bid Valid (Days)	The number of days your prices are to remain valid.	
Service Area	You received the invitation to respond because you have registered to serve the service area on the request. The <i>Statewide</i> service area is always included.	
Award Method	The buyer will specify the award method (<i>Line Item, Lot</i> , or <i>Grand Total</i>) the buyer will use to select the winning quotes. If the method is by Lot, the buyer has grouped line items into Lot numbers.	
Comments	Buyers can provide comments for the entire request at the header level. This field is optional, so it might be blank.	
Special Terms and Conditions	Buyers can indicate special terms and conditions for the entire request in the request header. These T&Cs are in addition to the standard eVA Terms and Conditions document that is always attached to the request header.	
Attachments	Select the attachment link to view and save the attachment to your computer. Your computer must have the software to view the attachments, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, a word processor (Microsoft Word), or a spreadsheet application (Microsoft Excel).	
Request Items	A separate link is provided for each line item of the request.	

Line Item Details

The Request Items section below the header information displays a list of items that the buyer is requesting.

Click a link in the Request Items section to view the details for that item.

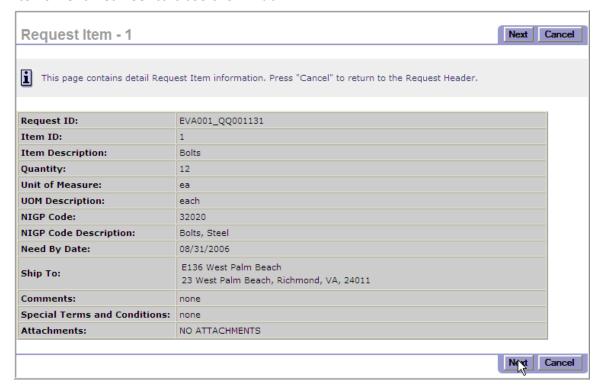


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VIEW A SINGLE REQUEST



The line item details open in a new window. Click the **Next** button to view additional line items. Click **Cancel** to close the window.



The fields on this page include:

Field	Description
Request ID	The Quick Quote ID number of the Request to which the item belongs.
Item ID	The sequential number of the item. Each line is automatically numbered.
Item Description	The buyer's description of the product to be purchased.
Quantity	The amount of the item needed.
Unit of Measure	The unit of measure of the item requested.
UOM Description	The long description of the unit of measure.
NIGP Code	A commodity code that the buyer selects to classify the item.
NIGP Code Description	The standard NIGP description associated with the selected NIGP Code.
Need By Date	The buyer wants to receive the item by this date.
Ship To	Ship the item to this address.
Comments	Additional information provided by the buyer for the line item requirements.
Special Terms and Conditions	Any special terms and conditions specified by the buyer for this particular item.
Attachments	Select the attachment link (if applicable) to view and save the attachment to your computer. Your computer must have the software to view the attachments, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, a word processor (Microsoft Word), or a spreadsheet application (Microsoft Excel).



RESPOND TO A REQUEST

To respond to the Quick Quote request, click **Create New Response** from the Request Header Information page.



Response Header

Your response begins with the Response Header page that includes the following information from your registration:

- Vendor Name
- Contact Name
- · Phone Number
- Email
- Fax Number
- · Ordering Address



Enter the following information at the Response Header:

Field	Required?	Description
Response Title	Required	Enter a title for your response.
Comments	Optional	Enter any comments you want displayed with the response header.
Attachments	Optional	List of attachments that you have added to the response.



Add an Attachment

Click Manage Attachments to attach a file to the response header.

Follow these steps to add file attachments:

- 1. Click **Browse** to find the file you want to attach.
- 2. Select the file you want from your browser's Find or Open dialog box.
- 3. At the Attachments page, click **Attach File**.
- 4. Repeat this process for additional attachments.
- 5. Review the list of attached files. You can remove unwanted attachments by clicking the **Delete** link next to the file name.
- 6. If you want to designate the file as Proprietary and Confidential, select the checkbox next to the file. This tells the buyer that the file cannot be published to the public.
- 7. Click **Done** to close the Attachments page and return to the Response Header page.





Do not attach files larger than 4 MB. Buyers might not be able to access large files because of firewall or server restrictions.

RESPOND TO A REQUEST



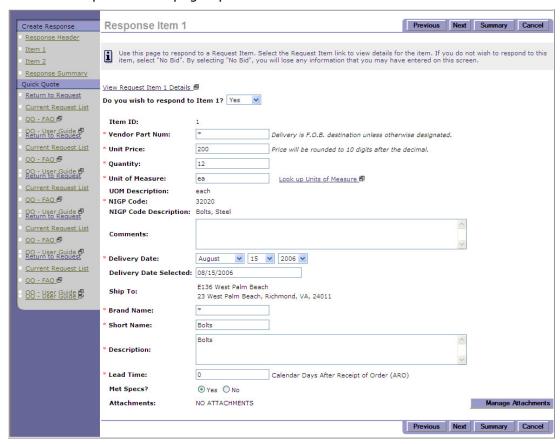
At the Response Header page, you will see the Attachments section that lists the names of the attached files and indicates if the file is Proprietary and Confidential. You can review the attachments by clicking the file name in the Attached Files column.

Click **Next** to continue your response.



Response Item

The first Response Item page opens.



QUICK QUOTE

RESPOND TO A REQUEST



For each Response Item, the default value for the **Do you wish to respond to Item #?** field is *Yes*. If you do not want to bid on this item, select *No Bid* from the drop-down list.

Most of the fields on this page are already filled out based on the buyer's conditions. The fields are:

Field	Required	Description
Item ID	Required	A system assigned identification number for this item.
Vendor Part Num	Required	Initially shows an asterisk (*). If the item has a part number, delete the asterisk and enter the number. Otherwise, do not delete the asterisk. Cannot exceed 20 characters.
Unit Price	Required	Enter the price per unit.
Quantity	Required	The buyer has specified a quantity for the Unit of Measure selected. You might need to change the quantity, especially if you have changed the Unit of Measure. Must be numeric.
Unit of Measure	Required	The buyer has specified a unit of measure. You can change it. To review the list of valid units and their descriptions, select Look up Units of Measure .
UOM Description	Required	The description of the Unit of Measure field. The system generates the description based on the value on the Unit of Measure field.
Comments	Optional	Enter comments to provide the buyer with additional item information, such as a link (URL) to your web site. This field is text only (not HTML), so the buyer can copy/paste your web address into a browser. Cannot exceed 255 characters.
Delivery Date	Required	The buyer's Need By Date is shown. You can change this field by selecting the month, day, and year the item can be delivered to the buyer.
Brand Name	Required	Initially shows an asterisk (*). You can delete the asterisk to specify a brand name. Otherwise, leave the asterisk. Cannot exceed 50 characters.
Short Name	Required	The buyer has entered a name or brief description for the item. You can change this field. Cannot exceed 50 characters.
Description	Required	The buyer has entered a long description. You can add to or change this field to describe your product/service. Cannot exceed 255 characters.
Lead Time (days)	Required	Enter the number of days after you receive an award that you need to deliver the product/service. Must be numeric.
Met Specs?	Required	Initially shows <i>Yes</i> . If your product/service does not meet specification requirements, select <i>No</i> .
Attachments	Optional	Select Manage Attachments to open a dialog for selecting files to attach to the line item. Follow the same instructions given for the Response Header.

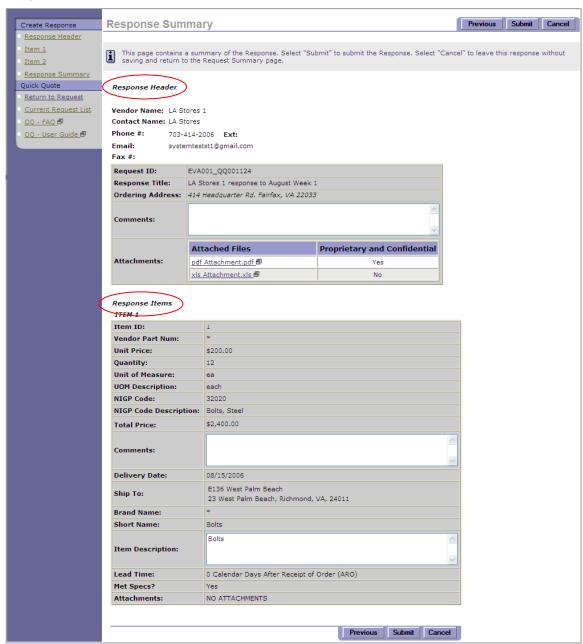
Review the data you have entered, then:

- Click **Next** to respond to the next item. If there are no other items, the Response Summary page displays.
- Click **Summary** to go directly to the Response Summary page. If you skip other items, they will show as a *No Bid* response.



Response Summary

At the Response Summary page, review the information for the Response Header and the Response Items sections.



RESPOND TO A REQUEST



On this page you have three options:

- Click **Previous** to return to the previous page to edit any information.
- Click Cancel to quit the response without saving and return to the Request Header Information page.
- Click Submit to send the response to the buyer. A Response Completed confirmation
 page appears with the Response ID and a Return to Current Requests List link so
 you can view other Quick Quote requests.



Edit or Delete a Response

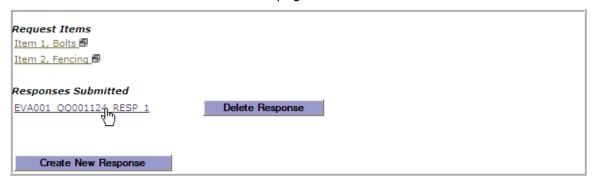
You can edit or delete an electronic response if the request has not closed (that is, the hour of the Response Due Date has not passed).

Edit a Response

From the Current Request List, select the link in the Request ID column that contains the response you want to edit.



Click the Response ID link on the Request Header Information page under the Responses Submitted section at the bottom of the page.









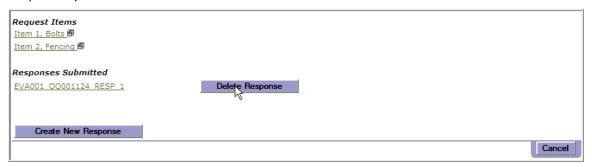
Edit the response using the same steps you used for creating a new response. When you are finished, go to the Response Summary page to submit the edited response to the buyer.

Only the last submitted version of the response is shown to the buyer. The buyer will no longer see earlier versions. Other responses from your company might still be available. They are shown under the Responses Submitted section.

Delete a Response

From the Current Request List, select the link in the Request ID column that contains the response you want to delete.

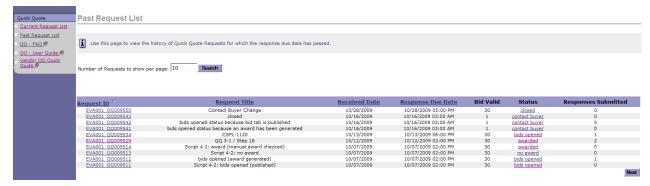
In the Responses Submitted section, select the **Delete Response** button next to the response you want deleted.





PAST REQUEST LIST

After the Response Due Date of a request has passed, the request moves to the Past Request List and vendors can no longer submit responses. Requests are first seen on the Past Request List with a status of *closed*. When a buyer takes an action towards the request, its status will change accordingly.



There are five statuses for past requests:

Status	Definition
closed	The buyer has not taken any award action toward the request
bids opened	The buyer has not taken any action toward the request and has published the Bid Tabulation Summary for vendors to view
	or
	The buyer has evaluated at least one line on the request. The Bid Tabulation Summary may or may not be published for vendors to view
awarded	The buyer has awarded at least one line item
no award	The buyer has set all lines to <i>no award</i> or has set all previously awarded lines to <i>no award</i> without awarding any lines
contact buyer	Contact the buyer for more information about the status of the request
canceled	The buyer has canceled the request

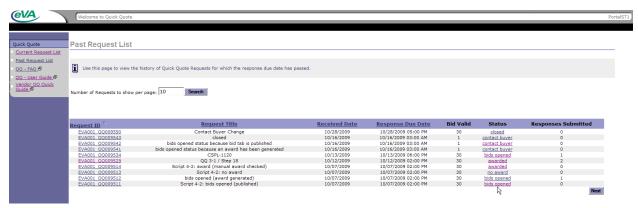
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- Request ID (includes link to request details and your responses)
- Request Title
- Received Date
- Response Due Date
- Bid Valid (number of days)
- Status (includes link to the Bid Tabulation Summary page)
- Responses Submitted (the number of responses submitted from all contacts at your company)

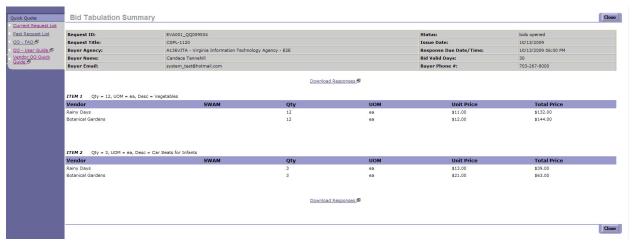


Bid Tabulation Summary Page

The Bid Tabulation Summary page is available after the Response Due Date of the request has passed. To access this page, go to the Past Request List and click the link under the Status column.



The following page displays if the buyer has published the Bid Tabulation Summary and there are responses from vendors.



This page displays the most recent request status and information for each of the request lines. Responses are grouped by Item ID and are sorted by Unit Price. Click the **Download Responses** link to save a version of the Bid Tabulation Summary page to a Microsoft Excel file.

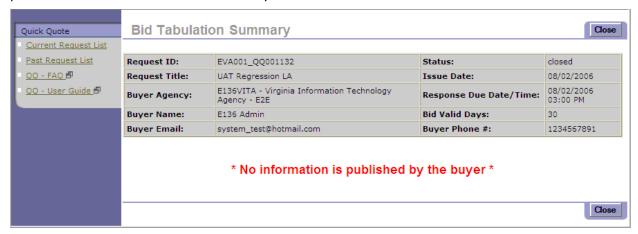
PAST REQUEST LIST



The message *No Responses Received* displays if the buyer published the Bid Tabulation Summary and there are no responses from vendors.



The message *No information is published by the buyer* displays if the buyer has not published the Bid Tabulation Summary to vendors.





View Comment

If a buyer publishes a comment for vendors to see, the **View Comments** button displays on the Bid Tabulation Summary page. Click the View Comments button to access the View Comments page.





The View Comments button will not display if the buyer did not publish any comments.

Comments are displayed in ascending order by date and time. After a comment has been published, the buyer has the option to withdraw the comment. If the comment is withdrawn, it will no longer be available. Click the Close button to return to the Bid Tabulation Summary page.



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